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The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
Assistant Administrator
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

David R. Lloyd, Director
Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization
Office of Solid Waste & Emergency Response
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Re: Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition Seeks EPA Coalition Assessment Grant

Dear Assistant Administrator Stanislaus and Director Lloyd:

A regional coalition of Lansing, MI metropolitan localities is working together to take action at idled and contaminated brownfields in order to transform them into productive new places for advanced manufacturing, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. Led by the City of Lansing, its Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), together with the City of East Lansing and Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties, this “Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition” seeks \$600,000 in U.S. EPA “Brownfields Coalition Assessment” funding. The grant will enable the Lansing Coalition to continue its successful collaboration with EPA to transform closed industrial sites and other brownfields in the capital city region of Michigan.

The municipalities in the Lansing Coalition have been leaders in brownfields revitalization for more than 15 years, as the metro region has rebuilt new revitalization on the legacy of closed manufacturing plants and contaminated sites. These communities have also been leaders in advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and community innovation. The five Coalition localities have successfully used \$4.5 million from 15 EPA Assessment grants at hazardous waste and petroleum contaminated sites since the year 2000. Lansing has put EPA Brownfields RLF funding into action to transform the Grand River waterfront, in a project that won the 2013 Phoenix Award for EPA Region 5.

The Lansing Coalition has also led a national effort to reinvigorate manufacturing, particularly on brownfields, through collaborative efforts with the Obama Administration and EPA such as the creation of the RACER Trust for cleanup of closed automotive sites, and the launch of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (which includes Lansing). Further, the localities in the Lansing Coalition continue to be national leaders in the deployment of clean energy resources and green infrastructure on brownfield sites.

Yet, the localities that are part of the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition need more resources to put brownfields back into productive use. The two cities and three counties of the Lansing Coalition need additional funding for environmental investigations, assessments, cleanup planning, stakeholder engagement, and reuse planning at dozens of additional brownfields, closed manufacturing sites, and contaminated properties in the Lansing metro region.

We are confident that an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant will help the Coalition transform these blighted brownfield properties into new, sustainable revitalization. We appreciate your highest consideration of our request for a \$600,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment grant.

Lansing provides the following information to EPA:

- a. **Applicant Identification:** City of Lansing, MI
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- b. **Applicant DUNS #:**
- c. **Funding Requested:**
 - i. **Grant:** Assessment
 - ii. **Federal Funds Requested:** \$600,000
 - iii. **Contamination:** \$500,000 Hazardous Substances/
\$100,000 Petroleum
 - iv. **Type:** Coalition
- d. **Location:** City of Lansing, together with coalition partners
the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Eaton County, and
Ingham County, MI
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- h. **Date Submitted:** December 19, 2014
- i. **Project Period:** October 1, 2015 to September 3, 2018
- j. **Population:** 113,996 in Lansing, 464,000 in Lansing Coalition area
- k. **Other Factors:** See attached

Thank you for your consideration. I encourage you to contact me with any questions or to discuss moving forward together.

Sincerely,



Virg Bernero
Mayor of Lansing, MI



LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELDS COALITION

Creating Spaces for Advanced Manufacturing, Clean Energy & Green Infrastructure

A regional coalition of Lansing metropolitan localities is working together to take action on idled and contaminated brownfields, in order to transform them into productive new places for advanced manufacturing, clean energy, green infrastructure, and other community revitalization. Led by the City of Lansing and the “Lansing Economic Area Partnership” (LEAP), together with the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Eaton County, and Ingham County, this “Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition” seeks \$600,000 in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) “Brownfields Coalition Assessment” funding, and a continuation of our 15-year collaboration with EPA.

1. COMMUNITY NEED

a. Targeted Community & Brownfields

i. Targeted Community Description— The capital of Michigan, Lansing is located in the center of the state, and at the center of a bustling metropolitan region of 464,000+ people who drive a vibrant manufacturing economy, diverse neighborhoods, esteemed academic institutions, and a robust cultural and civic society. Officially known as the “Lansing-East Lansing Metropolitan Statistical Area”, this mid-Michigan region contains those two cities, plus Clinton County, Eaton County, and Ingham County. Together, these five localities have collaborated on a number of key sustainability, livability, and economic revitalization initiatives, in exciting partnerships with the Obama Administration including a HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge initiative, and as an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) “Manufacturing Community.” Now, these jurisdictions seek to renew and expand our partnership with the EPA Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization (OBLR), through the “Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition” (Coalition).

The Lansing Coalition includes the City of Lansing (population 114,000) which is arrayed along the Grand River and whose jurisdiction crosses into all three counties. Lansing contains many diverse neighborhoods within the four main sections of the community, including Old Town Lansing, REO Town (where R.E. Olds founded car factories beginning in the 19th Century), downtown, and other districts. The Coalition includes the City of East Lansing (pop. 48,500, but also with a college student population of 45,000), which is the home to the 159-year old Michigan State University (MSU) and 25 diverse neighborhoods. Clinton County (population 75,000) is home to four cities, seven villages, and 17 townships. Eaton County (population 108,000) contains five cities, six villages and 16 townships, as well as a major, state-of-the-art General Motors manufacturing plant along with one vacant, contaminated GM site that is a RACER Trust property. Ingham County (population 281,000) is the home to five cities, three villages, 16 townships, and key institutions including Lansing Community College, and the Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball team. All of these five jurisdictions have robust manufacturing economies employing 20,000+ workers.

The members of the Lansing Coalition have been proactive, national leaders on brownfields revitalization for more than 15 years, in partnership with EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). These endeavors have been necessary to address the legacy of contaminated brownfields resulting from the closure of many automotive factories and other manufacturing plants. This leadership has included successfully managing 15 EPA Assessment grants and two Cleanup RLF grants worth \$4.5 million, for both hazardous and petroleum contamination, since the year 2000. Lansing also earned Region 5’s Phoenix Award in 2013 and the Brownfields Renewal Award in 2013, for the highly successful transformation of an art-deco style, 1937-vintage, coal-fired power plant into a LEED-Gold office headquarters along the downtown waterfront.

Yet the Lansing regional coalition still needs significant help to address brownfield challenges. Lansing was a central part of the birth and boom of the American automobile industry, and tied closely to its long slide and decline from the 1970s through the

great automotive crisis of 2008-09. Nine major auto plants in the Lansing region closed during this decline, leaving what are in some cases massive and heavily contaminated brownfields and dozens of failed auto supplier plants, along with many other closed factories. These brownfields, and the loss of jobs for workers who once toiled on these sites, contributed to economic decline, widespread neighborhood deterioration, blight, and all of the social problems that come with these challenges.

For the very first time, the cities of Lansing, East Lansing, and the three counties of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham have joined together in collaboration to address these economic and community challenges. Prominent economic development stakeholders and business leaders from these localities formed a regional economic development agency that is very active in this coalition effort, called the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), based in the City of Lansing. LEAP houses the Lansing Economic Development Corporation in addition to the City of Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, a local entity created under Michigan's state law to lead brownfields efforts. These five localities have also partnered through the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission MPO to pursue and secure a HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge grant to launch the "Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability", which has already catalyzed major regional revitalization efforts including energy audits of built structures; a sustainable design for the complete street of the central Michigan Avenue corridor between MSU and the State Capital complex; a 5-year affordable housing strategy; a Community Reinvestment Fund; the "Greening Mid-Michigan" green infrastructure strategy; the Lansing Wet-Weather Strategy to reduce stormwater pollution; and a complete streets implementation plan. See www.MidMichiganSustainability.org.

The Lansing Coalition has shown leadership on sustainable revitalization in other ways. Lansing founded the "Manufacturing Alliance of Communities" (MAC), which has partnered with EPA's OBLR, the White House and others to hold a series of manufacturing roundtables geared toward redevelopment of closed factories and vacant brownfields, including three roundtables hosted in Lansing and East Lansing. Lansing joined with EPA and the Obama Administration to create the RACER Trust program, which is putting \$774 million into the cleanup and revitalization of closed General Motors factories on brownfields, including four within this Lansing Coalition's area. Lansing, which helped formulate the idea of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership with the Obama Administration, was very pleased to be selected as one of the inaugural IMCP "Manufacturing Communities" in 2014, in what is known as the "Advance Michigan" initiative. See www.AdvanceMIManufacturing.com. Further, the localities in the Lansing Coalition are pursuing brownfields and community revitalization in other innovative ways. Lansing was selected in 2014 as one of EPA's "Greening America's Capitals" awardees, for revitalization of an under-utilized parking lot at the State Capital Complex into a center for green infrastructure and community gatherings. Lansing has been a national leader on the deployment of zero emissions electric vehicles, which has led to sponsorship and support from the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities program in Lansing. And, the communities in this Lansing Coalition are moving forward on significant projects to deploy renewable energy and energy efficiency systems in redevelopment efforts including on brownfields, using one of the most innovative Property Assessed Clean Energy or "PACE" funding approaches in America, the "Lean & Green Michigan" initiative. See www.leanandgreenmi.com.

All of these strategies will inform and drive specific efforts in our brownfields targeted for assessment and redevelopment, because the Coalition's focus is to use these spaces for advanced manufacturing, clean energy development, green infrastructure development, and community revitalization.

ii. Demographic Information (all data below is from U.S. Census, 2013 5-year ACS Estimates)

	Lansing	East Lansing	Clinton County	Eaton County	Ingham County	MI	United States
Population	114,274	48,556	75,802	107,920	281,531	9,886,095	308,745,538
Percent Unemployed	9.9%	4%	5.0%	6.7%	6.9%	7.8%	5.8%
Poverty Rate	28.7%	41.1%	11.1%	10.8%	21.9%	16.8%	15.4%
Percent Minority	45%	25%	9.4%	15.5%	27.8%	26.7%	36.3%
Median Household Income	\$36,054	\$32,953	\$30,577	\$54,115	\$45,321	\$48,411	\$53,046
Median Age	32	21.3	38.9	40.5	31.4	39.1	37.2
Age 65 or Older	9.7%	6.3%	13.7%	15.8%	10.8%	17.2%	13.1%

Veterans	7.5%	2.4%	8.4%	9.8%	7.4%	8.9%	9.0%
Disability Status	16.5%	5.3%	10.3%	13.3%	11.9%	13.7%	12.1%
Commute by Transit/Walk	7%	18%	2.5%	2.3%	5%	1.6%	5.0%
No Vehicle Available	5%	6%	1%	4%	3.4%	2.6%	5.5%
Food Stamps/SNAP	28.2%	11.8%	8.9%	13%	17.7%	16.7%	12.4%

iii. Brownfields—The Mid-Michigan region is overwhelmed with 2,800 vacant, under-utilized and contaminated brownfields. The jurisdictions of the Lansing Coalition have worked together to identify the most important brownfields to be targeted for EPA assessment resources, based on factors including the degree of known or suspected contamination, the proximity to and impact of the brownfields on adjacent areas, the willingness of the site owner to collaborate on assessment and reuse planning, the size of the property, its potential for reuse, and the potential for the site to contribute to the Lansing metro region’s overall goals of using brownfields to promote advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and green infrastructure. The 17 priorities brownfields targeted by the Coalition are spread throughout all five jurisdictions, and include:

Brownfields in the City of Lansing

- The “Red Cedar Renaissance” property, a 61-acre former golf course with significant hazardous waste contamination, located along the impaired Red Cedar River, is in major planning for a \$125,000,000 “global village” of mixed use development, a 20-acre regional riverfront park, major green infrastructure projects, a complete street makeover of a portion of the central Michigan Avenue, and other improvements to this vacant site straddling the border of Lansing, East Lansing, and Michigan State University. More assessment must be conducted to move toward reuse. See www.PureLansing.com/redcedar
- The Lansing “RACER Trust” sites, former location of General Motors Plants #2, 3, & 6 on 235 vacant and contaminated acres, is now slated for the largest solar photovoltaic facility in Michigan (and one of the largest in the U.S.) along with an Advanced Green Manufacturing park. Although these sites may not be eligible under EPA policy for expenditure of assessment dollars, this high-profile brownfield project reflects and demonstrates the regional efforts to use brownfields as brightfields, and as places for the resurgence of advanced manufacturing.
- The “North Larch Motor Wheel” site, a 44-acre, underutilized property with 900,000 square feet of structure, which is planned for advanced manufacturing investment and expansion.
- “Leaseway Motors”, a 26-acre, underutilized site with known contamination from toluene, ethylbenzene xylenes, 1,2-dichloroethane, ethylene dibromide and trimethylbenzene, envisioned for logistics operations and advanced manufacturing.
- The “Story Olds” site, a 3.37 acre closed car dealership with suspected petroleum and hazardous waste contamination, but reuse planning is already underway with a development partner seeking to pursue a mixed-use development at the site.
- A vacant, former dry cleaning site on half an acre with known hazardous contamination that has migrated offsite. Envisioned for a new drive-through restaurant, but needs assessment.
- The “Grand River / MLK Jr. Boulevard” site on 4.59 acres with 22,000 sq. ft. of buildings, portions of which are vacant and others that are under-utilized, and which is badly impacted by squatting and illegal drug activities. Known to have mixed petroleum and hazardous waste contamination.
- The former “Deluxe Inn” site, a vacant motel with suspected contamination at the gateway of historic “REO Town,” which Lansing is revitalizing now while working with MSU to re-purpose the neighborhood as an “Innovation District.”

Brownfields in the City of East Lansing

- The “Cedar Village” area, a neighborhood with many distressed and dilapidated commercial and residential buildings immediately adjacent to the Red Cedar River and MSU. Given its proximity to campus, this stretch of eight isolated commercial building parcels, including a crumbling 7-Eleven lot and an Admiral gas station, represent highly underutilized land. Michigan State University, the City of East Lansing, and area developers have prioritized this area for major redevelopment.
- The “Roadhouse Corner” site, two bar/restaurant parcels with suspected contamination on the Michigan Avenue corridor just north of MSU’s Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, which are underutilized and poised for redevelopment.
- The “Pontiac Sawyer” site, a 4.68-acre suspected brownfield that formerly housed a car dealership and repair operations. This

vacant property, which is the western-most property in East Lansing and adjacent to Lansing's massive Red Cedar Renaissance redevelopment project, is slated for high density, mixed use buildings with green infrastructure and a pedestrian-friendly focus.

Brownfields in Clinton County

- The "Historic Gas Plant" site, an 11-acre former manufactured gas plant dating to 1887, known to have soil contaminated with lubricating fluids, heavy metals, and oils, and groundwater contaminated with benzene, xylenes, naphthalene, cyanide and lead, all located 20 feet from low-income residences nearby the Gateway Elementary School.
- The former "LEAR Elsie" site, a 26-acre brownfield with a 91,000 sq. ft. building that was an automotive supply manufacturer from 1967 to 2006 when it closed its doors and laid off the remaining 226 workers. This now-vacant site is known to be contaminated with arsenic, lead, and trichloroethane, and is posing potential threats to nearby senior housing and the users of an adjacent community park, the Maple River, and tan Elementary School.

Brownfields in Eaton County

- The "Main Street Meth Lab" site is a half-acre former dry cleaner that was the site of a meth lab explosion, which is badly in need of environmental assessment to help prepare this brownfield for a new community park and green infrastructure.
- The 102-acre former Owens-Illinois glass container manufacturing plant with suspected contamination from glue, oil, soda ash, grease, and asbestos which may have impacted the adjacent stream. A new owner/redeveloper is working closely with LEAP and the county on proactive redevelopment plans to locate advanced manufacturing on the site, and to transform streamfront lands into protected open space and healthy agricultural lands.
- The former Grand Ledge City Hall, court and police station is now vacant with 0.6 acres of land and an 8,000 sq. ft. building, suspected of petroleum contamination, and envisioned as a future downtown commercial office complex.

Brownfields in Ingham County

- The NUCO Industrial Building is a vacant, 11-acre brownfield with an 181,000 sq. ft. building formerly used by the LEAR Corp., an auto supplier. The site is planned for new, advanced manufacturing.
- The "TSC Plating Co" site, a former plating plant with a history of contamination. The site has 18 monitoring wells, and cleanup is currently underway after the main building experienced significant fire damage. Envisioned as new commercial and creative office space, and may need further assessment to support future reuse.

iv. Cumulative Environmental Issues – As the home of many former and current manufacturing sites, Lansing has been highly impacted by a number of environmental issues over the years. There are 1,200 RCRA-regulated, hazardous waste, and air and water discharge sites listed in EPA's EnviroFacts database and EJView mapping tool for this Coalition metro area, including 10 major sources of air pollution, 39 facilities reporting toxic releases, 22 large quantity hazardous waste generators, four (4) Superfund NPL sites, 10 transporters/disposers/storage facilities of hazardous waste, and 46 water pollution dischargers including six (6) major NPDES dischargers. The targeted brownfield communities are flanked/dissected by seven (7) major highway systems with hundreds of thousands of daily vehicle trips, and there are three major coal-fired power plants with a combined capacity of nearly 600 MW in the City of Lansing, producing NO_x, mercury, air toxics, particulate matter and other criteria air pollutants. These risks compound what are already very high rates of asthma; the Asthma Initiative in Michigan reports that the rate of preventable hospitalizations for black males aged 1-14 in Ingham County is six and a half times higher than the Healthy People goal. Likewise, the Michigan Department of Community Health found in its last major report (2008) that the blood lead levels for men and women was worse in Clinton County than every county in the state but one.

b. Impacts on Targeted Community – Lansing regional brownfields pose serious health, welfare and environmental risks. Previous assessment activities on these and similar properties have revealed hazardous materials and petroleum contamination in the soil and groundwater. From these initial assessments, and considering the prior uses at a variety of sites, the Lansing Coalition expects the potential that targeted brownfield sites could be contaminated by the following types of pollutants: High concentrations of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), sulfur compounds, and complex cyanide, volatile or phenolic compounds; Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and heavy metals including arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, nickel, and zinc; Asbestos-containing materials and debris; and Petroleum contamination including gasoline, No. 2 fuel oil, and free-

floating petroleum products. The project team expects to find a similar mix of hazardous materials and petroleum contamination during the project, resulting in subsurface soil and groundwater pollution. EPA has designated some of these substances as priority pollutants. As such, they are highly carcinogenic, mutagenic and teratogenic. The existence of these contaminants in the target area would pose significant health concerns. Potential impacts from some of the known contaminants at local brownfields include:

- **Benzene, Xylenes, Naphthalene:** These aromatic hydrocarbons increase the risk of cancer, aplastic anemia, acute leukemia, cataracts, and bone marrow abnormalities. These chemicals can target liver, kidney, lung, heart and the brain and can cause DNA strand breaks and chromosomal damage, and can cause neural birth defects such as spina bifida and anencephaly.
- **PAH:** High prenatal exposure to PAH is associated with lower IQ and childhood asthma. The Center for Children's Environmental Health states that exposure to PAH during pregnancy is related to adverse birth outcomes, including low birth weight, premature delivery and heart malformations. Cord blood of babies exposed to PAH pollution has been linked to cancer.
- **PCBs:** PCBs, which have been found at initial investigations at Lansing mill sites, can cause cancer, as well as other adverse health effects on the immune system, reproductive system, nervous system, and endocrine system. Maternal exposure occurring prior to pregnancy can result in brain damage to the developing fetus.
- **Petroleum contaminants:** With petroleum contamination already identified at key sites, Lansing needs to assess health risks that could include nervous system effects, respiratory irritation, cancer, and tumors of the liver and kidneys.
- **Asbestos:** Well-known potential health impacts from asbestos exposure can include lung cancer, asbestosis, pleural plaques, diffuse pleural thickening, or pneumothorax.
- **Lead:** Lead is toxic to many organs and tissues. Lead is particularly dangerous to children. Low levels of lead in the blood of children can result in permanent damage to the brain and nervous system, leading to behavior and learning problems, lower IQs, hearing problems, slowed growth, and anemia. Lead ingestion by children can cause seizures, comas and even death. Pregnant women and developing children are also highly vulnerable to lead exposure.

The risks of these contaminants compound and potentially contribute to poor health factors in this metropolitan region. The Michigan Department of Community Health finds that 2-in-5 people in this coalition region die prematurely. Likewise, the *County Health Rankings & Roadmaps* by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which measures key health and quality of life indicators at the county level, shows that this area, particularly the largest jurisdiction Ingham County, ranks poorly on many key health measures. Ingham County has violent crime higher than the State of Michigan rate, and at a rate nearly 10 times higher in comparison to the Ranking's top segment of performers. Ingham has more poor physical health days than the Michigan rate, and more than a third higher than the Ranking's benchmark performers. See www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/michigan/2014/rankings/ingham/county/outcomes/overall/snapshot.

Furthermore, brownfields have produced negative psychological impacts on the greater Lansing region. These vacant brownfields are the factories that spawned the growth of worker housing in the neighborhoods that still surround these sites. Thus, many of Lansing's brownfields abut residential and commercial areas. Brownfield properties contribute blighting influences to the community as a whole and to affected neighborhoods in particular. Vacant and neglected brownfields provide an easy target for illegal activities. The end result is a dangerous and dilapidated property that triggers further outmigration. The comprehensive plans and CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plans of each of these coalition jurisdictions specifically note the impact of brownfields and blight on the economic sustainability, public health, and quality of life in the community. Also, as noted above in the list of target brownfields, several of these sites border senior housing and community park neighborhoods, and some suffer from the problems of squatting and illegal activities.

Contamination also poses risks to water quality including groundwater, which is the sole source of drinking water for the entire Lansing region. Further, water quality is impacted by toxic stormwater runoff from a number of brownfield located adjacent to the Grand River, Red Cedar River, Maple River, and Looking Glass River, all of which run through the region.

c. Financial Need

i. ***Economic Conditions***—The Lansing metro region working together has struggled with a major decline in manufacturing

over the past 25+ years, leading to the closure and abandonment of nine (9) major auto plants, as many as a hundred closed auto suppliers, and other economic, tax base, and job loss. The State of Michigan lost more than 1.6 million manufacturing jobs beginning in 2000, including approximately 120,000 during the great recession years of 2008-2010. As many as 1,263 facilities closed in this tri-county area alone since 2000. Michigan suffered deep losses in manufacturing employment due to automation and technology, outsourcing and the recession. Although Michigan and the Lansing region continue to bounce back and grow new advanced manufacturing jobs, the magnitude of the previous loss has been difficult to overcome, particularly as closed factories often equate to new brownfields.

These declines have led to high rates of housing foreclosures, and population loss between 2000-2013 in jurisdictions including Lansing and East Lansing (which is smaller now than in 1990). Ingham County is likewise essentially the same size as it was in 1990. Both Michigan and the Lansing region faced very high home foreclosure rates, with Michigan rated the worst state in the nation for foreclosures in the brunt of the great recession. Further, Michigan's housing prices fell an average of 31.9% between 2007 and 2012, the 6th worst decline in the nation. Even with the strong rebound in Michigan and the Lansing region, the foreclosures in Lansing and Ingham County are significantly higher than the overall rate for both Michigan and the nation. Today, 11.91% of homes remain vacant in Lansing. Other economic struggles impact these communities and show the need for brownfields revitalization. Much of Lansing and East Lansing, most of Ingham County, and parts of Clinton and Eaton Counties are USDA-defined food deserts, challenged with both low income and poor food access. Further, the Center for Neighborhood Technology's "Housing + Transportation Affordability Index" shows that most of the people living in this Lansing-East Lansing Metro Region have transportation+ housing costs that exceed 45% of their incomes, defined as "unaffordable". None of this was aided by the flooding and wind damage that impacted Ingham and Eaton counties, including Lansing and East Lansing so severely that FEMA Major Disaster declaration was applied to these communities due to the major damage done to roads, bridges, water infrastructure, and properties in the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition area.

Although these municipalities in the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition are poised to move forward with brownfields and economic revitalization as we emerge from the great recession, their municipal budgets have not recovered, and resources are very scarce for the needed brownfields assessment work that is needed. Each of the cities and counties are dealing with budgetary pressures, most prominently in increasing pressure to address the funding of necessary road construction and maintenance. The brutal weather during the winter of 2013/2014 necessitated emergency road repair that strained the counties' already tight budgets. Moreover, gross assessed value of properties in this region fell nearly 15% between 2007 and 2010, according to County Equalization Reports. Further, declining State revenue sharing proceeds reduced the budgets of these three counties by \$3.3 million since 2000. The Lansing Coalition is in no position to go it alone, without EPA funding support.

ii. Economic Effects of Brownfields—Brownfields have unquestionably impacted Lansing's economy. Contaminated sites are clustered around our main commercial corridors, along our riverfronts, in our downtowns, and in the spaces that are best suited for the resurgence of advanced manufacturing, but for the brownfields stigma and assessment/cleanup needed. The unemployment rate in Lansing is 1.7 times the national rate, and the poverty levels and numbers of people on SNAP assistance in the cities of Lansing and East Lansing are up to two-and-a-half times the national poverty and assistance rates. These empty brownfields have led to additional abandoned and blighted properties, a spiraling decrease in property values, lower property taxes and crippled tax base, a general disinvestment in the community, drug abuse and illegal activities, a further exodus of business and jobs, and increased municipal burden to maintain aging infrastructure. Lansing simply does not have the ability to move forward on its plans for advanced manufacturing, clean energy, green infrastructure, and community revitalization on brownfields, if the Coalition cannot address the large, vacant, and contaminated brownfields in its core areas.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FEASIBILITY OF SUCCESS

a. Project Description

i. Project Description—The overall Lansing Coalition and each of its members have a solid track record of successful brownfields revitalization, and so additional EPA assessment funding will build upon that progress. The Lansing Coalition seeks to take our brownfields to the next level, by using them as spaces to deploy innovation—advanced manufacturing, clean

energy, green infrastructure, and community revitalization. To do that, the Lansing Coalition will undertake seven key steps:

First, the Lansing Coalition will invigorate its collaboration by forming the Lansing Regional Brownfields Task Force, which will be comprised of the five municipalities, the stakeholder organizations that provided letters of commitment for this application, State officials from the Michigan DEQ, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan Energy Office and other departments, the private sector owners of targeted brownfields, our consultant team, and other parties. This Task Force will guide and oversee the brownfields efforts, and help gather and leverage resources for specific projects. Second, the Lansing Coalition will work together to seek and procure qualified environmental professionals and reuse planning experts to help implement these Assessment funds in a way that both addresses issues at targeted brownfield sites, and furthers our overall community and economic revitalization vision and actions plans. Third, we will commence our community outreach and engagement, using a community charrette, community meetings in specific jurisdictions and neighborhoods, and online/print/media outreach, as described more fully in this proposal.

Fourth, we will convene the Task Force to prioritize the use of Assessment resources at specific selected brownfields, based on site selection factors described below. Note that this application identifies 17 specific sites that are candidates for these EPA assessments, and that there is at least one site in each of the five municipal members of this Coalition. Fifth, municipal staff and brownfield consultants will negotiate and secure access agreements from owners of sites that will be assessed. Then, the bulk of work on this EPA grant, the conducting of environmental investigations and assessments, will take place at selected sites.

Sixth, the Lansing Coalition will engage the Task Force and the community in cleanup and reuse planning for these targeted brownfields and area-wide corridors. This planning will be informed by additional brownfields community workshops, and the recommendations of our expert consultants drawing from best practices around the nation. Some of those best practices will be gleaned from our participation in EPA National Brownfield Conferences as well as regional brownfield conferences in Michigan and the EPA Midwest Region 5. A prime focus of our reuse planning will be to determine how the Lansing region's brownfields can be used as spaces for our region's highest priorities – the resurgence of advanced manufacturing, the deployment of clean energy resources, and the implementation of green infrastructure projects for improved environmental quality and quality of life in the region. This means that the Lansing Brownfields Coalition, its Task Force and consultants will work to integrate key regional plans into our brownfields reuse plan, particularly the Advanced Michigan IMCP plans for manufacturing, the Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability (our region's HUD Sustainable Community Regional Planning effort), and our Lean & Green Michigan program for using PACE financing to deploy renewable energy, efficiency, and green building projects in key revitalization areas. Three other initiatives will also be integrated into brownfields reuse plans: (1) the Lansing Board of Water & Light's plans to design, engineer and construct one of the largest solar photovoltaic facilities in the nation (and the largest in Michigan), and put this 10-20 megawatt project on one of the brownfields targeted above, a former General Motors plant in Lansing; and (2) the City of Lansing partnered with the EPA Office of Water to pioneer a new approach to stormwater, wastewater, and combined sewer overflow management called the "Integrated Wastewater Approach", see <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater/Integrated-Municipal-Stormwater-and-Wastewater-Plans.cfm>. From this approach, Lansing has developed a \$225,000,000 plan to deploy green infrastructure facilities across the region to address major stormwater and CSO issues, and save hundreds of millions of dollars that would otherwise be required in grey infrastructure. Redevelopment of brownfields provides an excellent opportunity, and prime spaces, for the deployment of this innovative wet weather strategy. ; and (3) the Federal Transit Administration designated the Lansing Capital Area Transit Authority's "Bus Rapid Transit" project as a national priority for construction implementation. This BRT system will provide vastly expanded public transit options throughout Lansing, East Lansing, and Ingham County, including down the central Michigan Avenue corridor and several of the brownfield sites identified here.

Seventh, the Lansing Coalition will create a "Resource Roadmap" that identifies how to leverage additional resources and aligned strategies into the revitalization of the brownfields that are assessed with EPA brownfields grant funding.

Specific project activities include the following tasks, which are expected to produce project deliverables including

5-7 community workshops; public outreach materials on the web, in print, and in media; up to 17 Phase I assessments; up to 10 Phase II assessments, and completed cleanup and reuse plans including an area-wide review that identified how these sites can be revitalized in a coordinated way that support our revitalization goals.

- **Grant Management:** Robert Trezise and Keith Lambert of the Lansing Economic Area Partnership / Lansing Brownfields Redevelopment Authority will serve as the project managers. Both have managed federally-funded projects, including several EPA brownfield assessment projects.
- **Task Force:** The five municipal members of the Coalition have already convened a Brownfields Task Force, which will continue to be expanded as the Coalition secures additional EPA resources. The Task Force will meet immediately upon project award and at least quarterly thereafter, and help direct the team's efforts. Important Task Force roles include helping to develop site selection criteria, encouraging community engagement, and guiding reuse planning.
- **Procuring Qualified Consultants:** The project manager will procure environmental & planning consultants upon project award to support community engagement; conduct Phase I & Phase II assessments; and develop cleanup & reuse plans.
- **Community Meetings:** Overall regional meetings, and community meetings in each of the 5 coalition jurisdictions, will begin in the middle of Year 1, preceding and informing site selection. Additional events will occur at the end of Year 2 to prepare for the cleanup and reuse planning process. A final, overall public meeting will be held at the conclusion of the project to review accomplishments and outline additional steps that can be taken to drive reuse efforts at the assessed sites.
- **Site Selection:** The project team and Task Force will develop a set of criteria for the identification and selection of sites within the target revitalization areas. Site selection, initiating at the end of Year 1, will consider the significance of the public health threat, community support, willing property owners, opportunities for redevelopment, and other criteria (see Section 2.a.iii).
- **Site Access:** The project manager and consultants will work with private property owners at the beginning of Year 2 to negotiate access agreements, which will enable the project team to discuss all issues and concerns with landholders up front.
- **Assessments:** Following site selection and formal agreements with landowners for property access, environmental consultants will initiate Phase I and Phase II assessments.
- **Cleanup & Reuse Planning:** The team will work with its consultants after the completion of Phase I and Phase II assessments to determine feasible cleanup options and reuse opportunities.

ii. Project Timing

Activity	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Grant Management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Expand Task Force	X											
Task Force Meetings	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RFP for Qualified Consultants		X										
Hire Qualified Consultants			X									
Community Meetings		X	X		X	X		X	X			X
Site Selection				X	X							
Negotiate Access Agreements					X	X						
Phase I & Phase II Activities						X	X	X	X	X		
Cleanup & Reuse Planning									X	X	X	
Project Closeout												X

iii. Site Selection— If awarded EPA Assessment funding, the Lansing Coalition will begin with the 17 sites already identified as priorities, and expand that list based upon input received from the Task Force and community after initial public engagement. We will consider those candidate sites in light of the available budget and likely assessment costs, and prioritize and select the sites for assessments. Appropriate properties in each of the five coalition jurisdictions will be identified using the following criteria: redevelopment potential; protection of public health; nuisance resolution; tax base impacts; possible interested buyer; capacity to unleash further revitalization; ability to create jobs for neighborhood residents; likeliness to negotiate site access agreements with willing property owners; potential to leverage state and federal resources for cleanup and revitalization; and “fit” of the property with the vision for revitalization using advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and/or green infrastructure..

A key criteria for site selection is community support. Residential, business, and institutional stakeholders will be asked to nominate sites for brownfield assessments, and encouraged to attend public meetings to provide input and share feedback.

b. Task Description & Budget Table

i. Task Description

Task 1 – Cooperative Agreement Oversight (\$26,300): The budget includes funding for the management and execution of the grant. A reasonable level will support project staff (\$13,150 of personnel costs for hazardous substances, and the same for petroleum contamination), which will serve as a liaison with EPA Region 3 and be responsible for assuring compliance with grant requirements. Travel expenses (\$3,700 for flights, driving, lodging, meals & conference fees) are included for two staff members to attend two EPA's brownfields conference and two Michigan/Region 5 conferences over the course of the project period to learn best practices and identify ways to leverage EPA resources. A limited amount of expenses (\$300 for hazardous substances, and \$300 for petroleum) have been budgeted for office supplies and other expenses to support this task.

Task 2 – Community Outreach & Involvement (\$27,600): The budget supports engagement with residents, businesses, organizations, and other stakeholders. Participants will help to decide where to deploy EPA funds and determine reuse options. Lansing will connect with the community through public meetings, neighborhood association gatherings, speaker's bureaus, newsletters, dedicated web sites, social media, the production of print fliers and brochures, and other outreach vehicles. Lansing will expand the Lansing Brownfields Coalition Task Force. Team members will also be responsible for negotiating site access with property owners. Staff (\$10,000 of personnel split between petroleum and hazardous waste activities) and consultants (\$16,000, with \$8,000 each to both petroleum and hazardous substances issues) will manage the outreach effort, and produce educational information for residents, community groups, property owners, and businesses. Funding is also included to support meeting expenses such as promotional materials (\$200), facility costs (\$600) and audio-visual equipment rentals (\$200), split between hazardous substances and petroleum activities. Limited expenses (\$300 for hazardous, \$300 for petroleum) have also been budgeted for office supplies and other costs to support this task.

Task 3 – Brownfields Assessment Activities (\$396,500): This task includes activities related to carrying out site assessments, including procurement of consultants; refinement and finalization of rating/ranking criteria; rating and ranking of sites; follow-up planning/technical assistance on sites (tax records, mapping, past studies); preparation for a comprehensive QAPP for all sites, and preparation of Sampling and Analysis Plans and Health and Safety Plans as needed for Phase II Assessments. Brownfield sites will vary in size, complexity and condition. As such, the Lansing Coalition estimates it will conduct up to 6 hazardous substance Phase I assessments, 6 petroleum contamination Phase I's (ranging from \$2,500 - \$7,500), and up to 5 hazardous and 5 petroleum contamination Phase II assessments (ranging from \$25,000 - \$35,000). These activities will be conducted by qualified environmental professionals (\$194,000 each for hazardous and petroleum). Staff (\$4,000 each for personnel working on hazardous and petroleum issues) will manage the process. Limited expenses (\$250 each for petroleum and hazardous) are budgeted for office supplies and other costs.

Task 4 – Site Reuse & Cleanup Planning (\$149,600): Funding is included to support remedial and reuse plans (\$70,000 each at hazardous substance and petroleum sites) developed by qualified land use, environmental professional and reuse experts, including eligible assessment-funded activities for preparation of MDEQ Voluntary Cleanup applications and third party validation activities. Funding is included for Lansing/LEAP staff (\$4,000 each for activities at petroleum and hazardous waste sites) to manage planning activities, as well as meeting expenses for promotional materials (\$250), facility costs (\$500) and audio-visual equipment rentals (\$250). Limited expenses (\$300 each for petroleum and hazardous wastes) have also been budgeted for office supplies and other expenses to support this task.

ii. Budget Table

Category	Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight	Task 2: Community Outreach & Involvement	Task 3: Brownfields Assessment Activities	Task 4: Site Reuse & Cleanup Planning	TOTAL
Hazardous Substances – Project Tasks					
Personnel	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$18,000

Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$1,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,850
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$1,150
Contractual	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$194,000	\$70,000	\$278,000
Other: Meeting Expenses	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$1,000
SUBTOTAL	\$13,150	\$13,800	\$198,250	\$74,800	\$300,000
Petroleum Contamination – Project Tasks					
Personnel	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$18,000
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$1,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,850
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$1,150
Contractual	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$194,000	\$70,000	\$278,000
Other: Meeting Expenses	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$1,000
SUBTOTAL	\$13,150	\$13,800	\$198,250	\$74,800	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$26,300	\$27,600	\$396,500	\$149,600	\$600,000

c. Ability to Leverage – The Lansing Coalition municipalities are prepared and underway with leveraging resources for this brownfields initiative, and is confident that more resources will be leveraged if this EPA Brownfields Assessment grant is awarded. Committed and planned leverage includes:

- **Leadership & Staff of the Municipalities:** All five jurisdictions have passed official resolutions supporting this effort, and have committed to leverage the expertise, time and resources of city and county staffs to move these efforts forward.
- **Lansing Economic Area Partnership:** As a regional economic development agency, LEAP will be leveraging a number of other business incentives, infrastructure improvement resources, its extensive network of developers and businesses, and technical support to redevelopers of these brownfield sites, as well as providing direct staff resources in this Assessment project.
- **HUD Sustainable Community Regional Planning Grant:** The Lansing Coalition is well underway with a number of initiatives to implement this \$3 million HUD project described above, and these initiatives will definitely be leveraged into the Lansing Coalition’s brownfields assessment and reuse planning projects.
- **Obama Administration IMCP:** The Obama Administration has set aside \$1.4 billion and substantial technical assistance from 12+ federal agencies to support the advanced manufacturing work – including on brownfields – in the 12 designated IMCP “Manufacturing Communities”. As Lansing is one of the pioneer IMCP communities, we will seek to leverage as much of that \$1.4B as possible into our community-wide brownfield initiatives.
- **Tax Increment Finance:** The State of Michigan enables selected local governments to issue Tax Increment Financing for the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields. Each of the five jurisdictions in this Coalition have established Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities, and each has used and plans to continue using Brownfields TIF proceeds for cleanup, site improvements, and infrastructure investments at these sites.
- **Local & State Development Incentives:** Each of the jurisdictions has used, and will continue to deploy, resources and incentives for brownfields revitalization, including Downtown Development Authority Façade Improvement Grants, Michigan Economic Development Corporation “Community Revitalization Program” and “Business Development Program” grants and loans, the MI “Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Tax Exemption”, the City of Lansing’s EB-5 Regional Center and foreign investment utilization program, Michigan State Housing Development Authority Rental Rehabilitation funds, local tax abatements, and other resources.
- **EPA Brownfields Leverage:** The Lansing Coalition is determined to leverage further EPA Brownfields cleanup funding into this project, and to advance our 15+ year collaboration with EPA OBLR. This could include supplemental RLF cleanup grant funding for the City of Lansing’s RLF program.
- **Future Leverage:** The Lansing Coalition will create a “Resource Roster” for this community-wide brownfields initiative, that will identify strategies for securing other resources, including EPA assessment and cleanup grants for the targeted sites;

Economic Development Administration Public Works and EDA Innovation grants for the infrastructure and advanced manufacturing aspects of the project; federal and state transportation grants for complete streets and bike/ped trails; TIGER grants for complete streets and green infrastructure; project financing via the City of Lansing's Immigrant Investor (EB-5) Regional Center through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, EPA /MDEQ "green reserve" resources for stormwater and green infrastructure deployment; HUD Section 108 resources for economic redevelopment; HUD CDBG downtown, blight and infrastructure grant resources; Land and Water Conservation Fund grants for the recreation spaces; Corps of Engineers' programs for shoreline and riverfront restoration; and other sources of leverage.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

a. Plan for Involving Targeted Community & Other Stakeholders/Communicating Progress

*i. **Community Involvement Plan:*** The five localities in the Lansing Coalition remain fully committed to community engagement in this brownfields initiative, building on the successful collaboration from our past brownfield efforts, and our work together on initiatives such as our HUD Sustainable Communities grant. The Lansing Coalition will strengthen this public engagement and community partnership in several concrete and effective ways, including:

- Reaching out to the most vulnerable and heavily-impacted citizens in each jurisdiction to ensure equitable development;
- Conducting a multi-day, inclusive community charrette with wide outreach, publicity, and region-wide invitations;
- Conducting community meetings in each of the 5 localities at the beginning of the effort, and at key milestones;
- Requesting each organization represented on the Brownfields Task Force to provide reports to its organizational staff, members and constituents on a regular basis;
- Establishing dedicated pages on the Lansing and LEAP web sites with information about the project;
- Creating a set of print outreach materials explaining the project and its progress; and
- Encouraging the consultant team to conduct extensive collaboration with project stakeholders.

*ii. **Communicating Progress*** – Throughout the project, Lansing will communicate monthly with the community through neighborhood gatherings, church groups, speaker's bureaus, newsletter mailings, web sites, social media, and other communication vehicles. The Lansing/LEAP web site will be a primary source of information for the community. Concise summaries of the targeted sites will identify brownfields work conducted and next steps. The proposed outreach tools are appropriate for the community, and Lansing has used these communications methods with previous success.

b. Partnership with Government Agencies

*i. **Local/State/Tribal Environmental Authority:*** This Coalition project will be managed by the City of Lansing, specifically its **Lansing Brownfields Redevelopment Authority**, which is run by the Lansing Economic Area Partnership. The Lansing Brownfields Authority will, among other tasks, procure consultants, review site inventories, site assessments and related information during the project, and provide necessary technical assistance. Property owners will be encouraged to enroll their sites in the MDEQ Act 451 Voluntary Brownfields Remediation program. **MIDEQ Brownfields Coordinator Ron Smedley** and other MIDEQ officials will continue to provide technical assistance, will play a primary role in supervising and supporting the voluntary assessment and cleanup of sites in the Lansing region's target areas, and will collaborate with Lansing via the Brownfields Task Force and other interaction.

*ii. **Other Relevant Governmental Agencies:*** One critical group of allies in this brownfields effort will be the County Health Departments, who have been significantly involved in brownfields revitalization in the region, with a focus on maintaining environmental health in these projects, and making community progress on health awareness and outcomes. The expertise and experience of Health Departments will be called upon to help identify/verify off-site health threats posed by identified contamination; identify related toxicological issues and perform risk evaluations with assistance from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR); design and conduct notification/education programs; and coordinate health testing (e.g., blood-lead tests in children near sites like foundries) if migration of contamination from a brownfield site is confirmed.

All three agencies in the Partnership for Sustainable Communities are already involved in the community revitalization of the areas that are now challenged by brownfields. HUD is supporting the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's highly-active "Mid-Michigan Program for Sustainability". The Department of Transportation is supporting the development of a

regional bus rapid transit system that will traverse many of these brownfield areas. EPA has been a partner in the development of green infrastructure solutions for stormwater and CSO challenges.

The involvement and roles of other key public, non-profit, educational, and business organizations is outlined below:

c. Partnerships with Community Organizations

i. Community Organization Description & Role

Organization	Brief Description	Project Roles & Commitments
Advance Michigan IMCP	Leader of Lansing-Detroit-Flint federal IMCP “Manufacturing Community”	Leveraging federal resources into advanced manufacturing ecosystem
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission	MPO and Commerce Economic Development District, leading HUD Sustainable Community initiative	Brownfields Task Force; staff & technical resources including GIS, aerial photography, land use and environmental data; direct grants & support to leverage state-federal grants into transportation & economic development at brownfields
Prima Civitas	State-wide non-profit economic and community development organization	Brownfields Task Force, in-kind staff support, leveraged funding resources for brownfields.
Michigan Energy Options	Statewide non-profit providing resources and support for renewable and energy efficiency initiatives.	Brownfields Task Force, leveraging state community energy planning grants, brownfields fund leveraging efforts.
Capital Area Michigan Works!	Workforce and jobs training organization for all five localities in Coalition	Brownfields Task Force; meeting space; Business Service Team expertise; leveraging federal-state workforce training
Clinton County Economic Alliance	Economic development resource in Clinton County	Staff time, securing of leveraged funding, community engagement support via online and print materials
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce	Represents 1,300 businesses in Mid-Michigan.	Brownfields Task Force, lead role in engaging business community in brownfields reuse.
Ingham County Land Bank	Public entity with responsibility for putting tax foreclosed properties back into productive use.	Brownfields Task Force, land acquisition of mothballed brownfields, technical assistance to Lansing Coalition.
Capital Area Manufacturing Council	Regional alliance of manufacturing leaders.	Brownfields Task Force; integrate advanced manufacturing efforts into brownfields plans
Olivet College	Private liberal arts college	Connecting student community service and experiential curricular learning into brownfields
Great Lakes Capital Fund	Community Development Finance Institution providing equity, New Markets Tax Credits, Development Michigan resources into projects	Brownfields Task Force; technical assistance and financing solutions for brownfields redevelopment, including potential debt and equity
Lansing Board of Water & Light	Municipal utility serving Greater Lansing region	Plans to deploy major solar energy facilities on brownfields
Allen Neighborhood Center	Non-profit community development agency	Brownfields Task Force; community engagement
Power of We Consortium	Planning body of over 250 area organizations that form a community collaborative	Facilitating community input efforts and leveraging social capital resources for specific projects
RACER Trust	Federal trust established to revitalize 89 closed GM brownfields, including three in Lansing region	Technical expertise on environmental and reuse strategies

ii. Letters of Commitment – See attached letters of commitment.

4. PROJECT BENEFITS

a. Health and/or Welfare & Environment

iii. Health and/or Welfare – The project’s health and welfare benefits include:

- Cleanup will eliminate direct contact, inhalation and indoor vapor intrusion from contaminants;
- Remediating contaminants will limit exposure to carcinogenic, mutagenic and teratogenic substances, particularly vulnerable populations including children and pregnant women;
- Identifying groundwater contamination will protect Lansing’s drinking water supply, the region’;
- Waterfront revitalization on the Red Cedar River will connect to other established riverfront green spaces which will be tied together with the planning and deployment of a network of complete streets, pedestrian walkways, and trails that can

- help those who are unfit and unhealthy improve their quality of life;
- Brownfields assessment will help the region address contaminated meth labs and other illegal drug problems; and,
- Brownfields cleanup will remove downtown and neighborhood blight and increase community pride.
- ***Environmental Benefits*** – Assessment resources will help Lansing to actualize redevelopment plans that utilize raingardens, biofiltration, green streets, and other green infrastructure techniques in development areas, complete streets, and park/greenspaces. This will help address some of the most significant environmental, infrastructure, and resilience issues facing this community. Additionally, EPA support will produce the following environmental benefits:
 - Cleaning up contaminated sites will improve air, surface water, groundwater, and soil quality;
 - Remediation efforts will reduce polluted runoff into region's river systems; and
 - Downtown development will decrease fuel use, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and climate impacts.

b. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse/Sustainable Reuse

i. Planning, Policies & Other Tools – As described already, the Lansing Coalition is focused on promoting advanced manufacturing, clean energy deployment, and green infrastructure on its brownfields. This will be fostered by key tools including our HUD Sustainable Communities planning initiative led by the Tri-County Planning Commission which includes a number of green infrastructure, complete street, and livable community components; by the Lean & Green Michigan tool for PACE financing for renewable and energy efficient deployments; the Lansing Bus Rapid Transit project through the center of these brownfield areas; the Lansing Wet Weather strategy to use green infrastructure for stormwater and CSO challenges.

Other Lansing-area initiatives that complement the brownfield effort and promote the environmental benefits of infrastructure reuse and sustainable reuse. (1) The “Design Lansing” initiative established a form-based smart code for future development in Lansing that is smart, walkable and sustainable, and which will guide the redevelopment of brownfields. (2) The Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities Coalition leads efforts to reduce vehicle travel and emissions through alternative-fuels vehicles and infrastructure. The Lansing region is one of the nation's top leaders in this area, with successful initiatives funded by U.S. Department of Energy competitive pilot programs, to change zoning, electric rates, commercial fleets, and citizen buying/driving behaviors to promote sustainable transportation. In 2014 alone, this Clean Cities coalition has reduced 1 billion gallons of gasoline burned. The Brownfields Coalition, the Clean Cities Coalition, and the Lansing Board of Water & Light seek to plan new uses for brownfields that include clean vehicle infrastructure including solar powered charging stations, biofuel, and other alt fuels. (3) The EPA-led “Greening America's Capitals” initiative chose Lansing in 2013 for a project to revitalize a large, underutilized parcel in the heart of the State Capital complex for a major green infrastructure deployment. (4) the Arts Council of Greater Lansing is working with these Brownfields Coalition communities and the public to reuse salvaged materials from demolished buildings to create new art, and held a Salvage Summit this year, which will help inform sustainable demolition and recycling opportunities at these brownfields.

This Assessment Grant will also help preserve farmland and reduce the impact of urban sprawl on the Coalition's agricultural lands by assessing previously developed properties with existing infrastructure. According to the U.S. Census of Agriculture, from 1992 to 2007, the state of Michigan has lost approximately 41,128 acres of farmland to urban sprawl. The Coalition has lost approximately 16,567 acres of farmland to urban sprawl. This land, once used for farmland, has been redeveloped into commercial, industrial and/or residential purposes. The Assessment Grant will support this effort by improving opportunities for redevelopment of existing developed areas and reducing greenspace development. Further, the Coalition participates actively in the Regional Growth Trends Initiative. Hosted by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, this initiative identifies development areas and helps communities create mechanisms that assure planned growth that prevents sprawl into the region's rural agricultural areas. The Assessment Grant is critical to this initiative, supporting growth and development in the urban core area of the County's cities and villages.

i. Livability Principles –

Every aspect of the Lansing brownfields effort encompasses and strives towards the Livability Principles of the Sustainable Communities Partnership. EPA Brownfield Assessment resources will support (1) improved and additional **transportation choices**, particularly through complete street connections to downtown, economic centers, and struggling neighborhoods, as

well as through the planned Greater Lansing Bus Rapid Transit system that will traverse these brownfield areas; (2) improvement of equitable, **affordable housing** options, as well as improved access for existing neighborhoods, particularly in economically vulnerable Census blocks, (3) **increased jobs, tax revenue and improved economic competitiveness** of the target areas, particularly through advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and green infrastructure expansion (4) inclusion and participation of **existing communities and residents**, especially those in the environmental justice areas surrounding these brownfield revitalizations; (5) strategies for **leveraging of state and federal investment** including through creation of a dynamic “Resource Roadmap” leveraging strategy, as well as recruitment of additional private sector investment; (6) removal of blight and a restored **sense of pride** and value for the community.

c. Economic Benefits and Community Benefits (Long-Term)

ii. Economic Benefits – The Lansing Coalition’s efforts are focused on the resurging manufacturing economy, which is growing as fast in the Lansing area as any place in the nation, as well as on the clean energy sector, which newly re-elected Michigan Governor Rick Snyder has identified as his first and top priority for the coming term.

The economic benefit of a continued Assessment Grant Program in greater Michigan is hard to predict; however, the success of the EPA’s past investments into the two cities and three counties cannot be understated. For instance, at the heart of the downtown area’s recent revitalization is the new Accident Fund Headquarters, within a redeveloped coal-fired power plant. This project leveraged \$182 Million in investment and will ultimately create approximately 500 high-paying jobs. Brownfield projects that are identified as priorities in this application include the Red Cedar Renaissance in Lansing, which will create a new, \$125 million mixed use development providing between 250 and 650 jobs and up to \$9 million in new annual tax revenue. Our plans include the revitalization of the 102-acre Owen Illinois site in Eaton County, which is now being considered by new developers for a major advanced manufacturing revitalization. Another site is planned for a new, 10-megawatt solar facility valued at more than \$30 million in new investment. All-in-all, the 17 brownfield sites initially prioritized in this application include visions for eight new advanced manufacturing centers, three mixed-used projects, and several retail and commercial redevelopments, which would bring new vitality to each of these communities and the broader region.

i. Job Creation Potential – Lansing will encourage its contractors and developers to recruit and hire low-income residents from the impacted brownfield neighborhoods for what is conservatively estimated at this time as the potential for 2500+ new construction jobs and 2000+ new permanent jobs in the brownfield projects that are most likely to move forward in the coming handful of years, if they can be sparked with EPA Assessment support. The Coalition will also continue to coordinate with the Capital Area Michigan Works! job training and workforce development agency as the Request for Proposals for environmental and planning consultants are prepared; seek the bids of qualified local environmental and planning consultants; encourage consultants to participate in local job fairs to hire skilled workers from the Lansing region; and prioritize sites that present redevelopment opportunities for local jobs.

5. Programmatic Capability & Past Performance

a. Programmatic Capability/Expertise, Qualifications & Experience of Project Manager/Staff: Under the leadership of **Robert Trezise, President & CEO of the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP)** and project manager for this grant application, LEAP has succeeded in putting several EPA Assessment grants and \$1.5 million in Brownfields Cleanup RLF funding into action, including the conversion of the Ottawa Coal-Fired Power Station into the new Accident Fund commercial headquarters, a site that has won the 2013 Region 5 Phoenix Award, the 2013 Brownfields Renewal Award, and that was where the EPA Administrator visited to showcase the project as a national model. Prior to joining LEAP, Bob Trezise was President and CEO of the Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), as well as manager of both the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) and the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA) for six years. Bob completely re-organized the LEDC into a dynamic organization, resulting in 50 historic achievements for the city in economic development and approximately 5,000 private sector jobs. During this time, Bob also became the interim manager for the Principle Shopping District and re-organized that agency into a Main Street organization. Previous to his work directly for Lansing, Bob was a key leader for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, working directly on brownfield issues. Prior to that, Bob spent two years as the Vice President for the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, and before that ran the economic development program for Delta Township. Bob received his Bachelor’s Degree from James Madison

College at MSU and his graduate degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. The second key manager for this Lansing Brownfield Coalition project will be **Keith Lambert, the Tri-County Development Manager for the Lansing Economic Area Partnership**. As part of the Business Development division of LEAP, Keith works to augment the agency's support system outside the immediate Lansing area by engaging communities across the greater metro region and expanding their capabilities in general economic development and in specific development projects. He works closely with LEAP's brownfield redevelopment partners and the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Agriculture and Food Business workgroup and Lansing's corridor improvement authorities. Keith earned his BA in International Relations from James Madison College at MSU, with an additional major in Economics and a specialization in Political Economy.

Retaining Project Leadership/Recruiting Qualified Staff: Lansing and LEAP's long-serving, committed team of employees will manage and conduct the EPA Assessment project. Lansing is using a team approach to ensure that work on the project is not dependent on just a few key personnel. The Task Force will be staffed with employees who will work together to accomplish project goals. This redundancy will ensure that milestones will be achieved, even in the event of employee turnover. Should new staff need to be recruited during the project, Lansing will seek candidates who have previous with experience with brownfields redevelopment. Open positions will be filled quickly, and new staff members will be assimilated into the team structure. The team approach will help accelerate the learning curve of any new employees. **Acquiring Additional Expertise & Resources:** In addition, the Lansing Coalition will be supported by **top-notch consultants in brownfields revitalization**, procured in accordance with local, state and federal competitive procurement standards. Already, Lansing has reached out to some of the most exciting brownfield consulting teams in the nation, who have been involved in some of the showcase communities who have put EPA brownfields assessment funding into action.

b. Audit Findings – Lansing has not been cited for any adverse audit findings from an OMB Circular A-133 audit or any other audit. Lansing has never been required to comply with “high risk” terms or conditions under OMB Circular A-102.

c. Past Performance & Accomplishments

i. Currently or Has Ever Received an EPA Brownfields Grant

1. Compliance with Grant Requirements –

- Brownfield Cleanup RLF Pilot in 2001 (\$500,000); and Supplemental Brownfields Cleanup RLF in 2011 (\$1 million)
- Brownfield Assessment Grants (Hazardous Substances and Petroleum), 2010 (\$400,000), closed out in 2014

Lansing successfully managed and completed the BCRLF and RLF Supplemental grants, the 2010 Assessment grants, and the balances of all grant funds will be \$0 by 1/19/15, but for the 2011 RLF, which has executed loan agreements but no fund drawdown yet. Lansing has successfully complied with all reporting requirements required as part of the above grant projects, and has consistently produced progress reports, provided regular updates to ACRES, tracked and reported measures of success, and prepared annual financial status to EPA.

- 2. Accomplishment:** The Lansing Coalition has prioritized EPA Assessment and RLF funds to those sites with the greatest redevelopment potential, and has been tremendously successful in assessing, cleaning up, and redeveloping brownfields, particularly within its downtown urban core. Through previously awarded EPA grants, over 35 Phase I ESAs and over 25 Phase II ESAs have been completed, and several brownfield revitalization projects accomplished, including two major downtown development projects, most notably the redevelopment of the award-winning Ottawa Street Station. It is not feasible to list all accomplishments here; however, examples of some of the most notable projects are:

Project	Activities	Private Investment	Jobs Created
Accident Fund National Headquarters	Phase I & II, BEA Due Care Plan, and RLF funds	\$182,000,000	500 new jobs
Stadium District	Phase I & II, BEA Due Care Plan	\$13,000,000	100
School for the Blind	Phase I & II	\$12,300,000	To be Determined
SOS Furniture	Phase I & II, BEA Due Care Plan	\$700,000	15
Marketplace Redevelopment	Phase I & II, BEA Due Care Plan	\$24,000,000	To be Determined
Citgo Gas Station – Mixed Use	Phase I & II, Vapor Intrusion, Due Care Plan	\$1,200,000	15 new jobs projected

City of Lansing Assessment Other Factors Checklist

Name of Applicant: City of Lansing, MI

Please identify (with an **X**) which, if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the selection process.

	Other Factor	Page #
	Community population is 10,000 or less.	
	Federally recognized Indian tribe.	
	United States territory.	
	Applicant will assist a Tribe or territory.	
	Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land.	
X	Targeted brownfield sites are contaminated with controlled substances	4
X	Recent natural disaster(s) (2006 or later) occurred within community, causing significant community economic and environmental distress.	6
X	Project is primarily focusing on Phase II assessments	9-10
X	Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation.	10-11
X	Community experienced manufacturing plant/power plant closure(s) (2008 or later) tied to the targeted brownfield sites or project area, including communities experiencing auto plant/power plant closures due to bankruptcy or economic disruptions.	2, 3, 4, 6
X	Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption (<u>unrelated</u> to a natural disaster or manufacturing/auto plant/power plant closure) has occurred within community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.	6
X	Applicant is one of the 12 recipients, or a core partner/implementation strategy party, of a “manufacturing community” designation provided by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). To be considered, applicants must clearly demonstrate in the proposal the nexus between their IMCP designation and the Brownfield activities. Additionally, applicants must attach documentation which demonstrate either designation as one of the 12 recipients, or relevant pages from a recipient’s IMCP proposal which lists/describes the core partners and implementation strategy parties. A core partner/implementation strategy party is a local partner organization/jurisdiction that will carry out the proposed strategy, as demonstrated in letters of commitment or memoranda of understanding which documents their contributions, roles, and responsibilities to the partnership. EDA may provide to	1, 2, 7, 10, 12

	EPA a list of the core partners/implementation strategy parties for each of the 12 “manufacturing community” designees, which EPA would use to verify this other factor.	
	Applicant will serve an area designated as a federal, state, or local Empowerment Zone or Renewal Community. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation which demonstrates this current designation.	
X	Applicant is a recipient or a core partner of HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant funding or technical assistance that is directly tied to the proposed Brownfields project, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant/technical assistance has or will benefit the project area. Examples of PSC grant or technical assistance include a HUD Regional Planning or Challenge grant, DOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), or EPA Smart Growth Implementation or Building Blocks Assistance, etc. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation.	1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13
	Applicant is a HUD Promise Zone community. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation.	
	Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant.	

LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELDS COALITION

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Name of Applicant: **City of Lansing, MI**

1. Applicant eligibility: The City of Lansing, MI is a unit of local government, and a political subdivision under the laws of the State of Michigan.

2. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority

See attached letter of acknowledgement from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Remediation & Redevelopment Division, Brownfield Coordinator Ronald Smedley.

3. Community Involvement:

Community Involvement Plan: The five localities in the Lansing Coalition remain fully committed to community engagement in this brownfields initiative, building on the successful collaboration from our past brownfield efforts, and our work together on initiatives such as our HUD Sustainable Communities grant. The Lansing Coalition will strengthen this public engagement and community partnership in several concrete and effective ways, including:

- Reaching out to the most vulnerable and heavily-impacted citizens in each jurisdiction to ensure equitable development;
- Conducting a multi-day, inclusive community charrette with wide outreach, publicity, and region-wide invitations;
- Conducting community meetings in each of the 5 localities at the beginning of the effort, and at key milestones;
- Requesting each organization represented on the Brownfields Task Force to provide reports to its organizational staff, members and constituents on a regular basis;
- Establishing dedicated pages on the Lansing and LEAP web sites with information about the project;
- Creating a set of print outreach materials explaining the project and its progress; and
- Encouraging the consultant team to conduct extensive collaboration with project stakeholders.

Communicating Progress – Throughout the project, Lansing will communicate monthly with the community through neighborhood gatherings, church groups, speaker's bureaus, newsletter mailings, web sites, social media, and other communication vehicles. The Lansing/LEAP web site will be a primary source of information for the community. Concise summaries of the targeted sites will identify brownfields work conducted and next steps. The proposed outreach tools are appropriate for the community, and Lansing has used these communications methods with previous success.

4. Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility (Site-Specific Proposals Only)

N/A



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
LANSING



DAN WYANT
DIRECTOR

December 16, 2014

Mayor Virg Bernero
City of Lansing, Michigan
124 West Michigan Avenue, 9th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mayor Bernero:

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment Regarding the United States Environmental Protection Agency
Brownfield Grant Proposal

Thank you for your notice and request for a letter of acknowledgment for the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition's (LRBC) proposal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) brownfield grant program. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD), encourages and supports cooperative, regionally-based redevelopment efforts. The information you have provided regarding your assessment grant proposal has been reviewed and determined by the RRD to be of benefit to the citizens of Michigan.

The LRBC, consisting of the cities of Lansing and East Lansing and the counties of Eaton, Clinton, and Ingham, plans on applying for a combined total of \$600,000 for hazardous substances and petroleum assessment grant funds, which could be used to conduct environmental investigation activities at eligible hazardous substances and petroleum brownfield sites in the three counties in central Michigan. The LRBC is considered eligible for this award as a coalition of local units of government.

Should the EPA award the grant to LRBC, it would support assessments at numerous brownfield sites, facilitating redevelopment of these underutilized and contaminated properties, and improving the economic development and environmental conditions throughout the region. If further assistance is needed, please contact me at the number below or by email at smedleyr@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Smedley
Brownfield Redevelopment Coordinator
Remediation and Redevelopment Division
517-284-5153

cc: Ms. Romona Smith, USEPA Region 5
Mr. Brad Bradley, USEPA Region 5
Ms. Carrie Geyer, DEQ



LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELD COALITION

KEY PROJECT SUPPORTERS

LEAD PROJECT PARTNERS

- City of Lansing, applicant
- City of East Lansing
- Clinton County
- Eaton County
- Ingham County
- Lansing Economic Area Partnership
- Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERS

- Advance Michigan IMCP
- Capital Area Michigan Works!
- Ingham County Land Bank
- Lansing Board of Water & Light
- RACER Trust
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

COMMUNITY, EDUCATIONAL NON-PROFIT AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS

- Allen Neighborhood Center
- Clinton County Economic Alliance
- Olivet College
- Power of We
- Prima Civitas
- Michigan Energy Options

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS

- Capital Area Manufacturing Council
- Great Lakes Capital Fund
- Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce



15 December 2015

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
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Regional Administrator
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Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) is committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

As the Chair of Advance Michigan, an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) designee, I write on behalf of to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

IMCP is an initiative designed to revolutionize the way federal agencies leverage economic development funds. It encourages communities to develop comprehensive economic development strategies that will strengthen their competitive edge for attracting global manufacturer and supply chain investments. IMCP supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we believe this redevelopment could support advanced manufacturing and innovation.

That is why IMCP supports this greater Lansing brownfields initiative, and hope that it receives EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. That is also why we encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryce Kelley, Chair, IMCP
Director of Wayne County EDGE
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Detroit, MI 48226



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December 12, 2014

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Re: Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition's Application

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

This letter is written to express the support of Capital Area Michigan Works! (CAMW!) for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. We also urge you to support the Lansing Coalition's request for an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

CAMW! is the one-stop operator for three one-stop centers serving Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties and is the agent for delivering state and federally-funded employment and training programs and work closely with economic development systems in doing so. Our mission is to enhance the productivity of people and business by providing a world-class workforce. CAMW! supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we work closely with the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) and, as the recognized workforce development system in the region, we believe that this initiative will spark new economic revitalization and job creation. CAMW! has a Business Services Team whose sole responsibility is to work with businesses to meet their workforce needs.

Therefore, CAMW! is ready to be engaged and supportive of this greater Lansing brownfields initiative and hopes that it receives EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. CAMW! is committed to providing tangible support to this regional endeavor by participating in community and partner meetings, providing meeting space as needed, using Business Services Team representatives' expertise when workforce issues are involved, utilizing federal and/or state workforce dollars for new or incumbent worker training, and using other workforce resources as needed.

In closing, CAMW! is excited about the opportunity to be a partner in this initiative. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition's application.

Sincerely,

Edythe Hatter-Williams
Chief Executive Officer

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

December 12, 2014

Re: The Ingham County Land Bank is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

The Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority strongly supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to award the Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

The Ingham County Land Bank is a governmental authority charged with responsibly putting tax foreclosed properties in Ingham County back on the tax roll. Through state legislation, all Land Bank-owned properties may be considered brownfields due to the fact that these properties can be considered functionally obsolete. Because of this as well as previous experience accepting contaminated properties through the tax foreclosure process, the Land Bank is uniquely qualified to understand the importance of EPA Assessment grants as a major first step in redeveloping vacant and potentially contaminated industrial and commercial properties. We support the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we hope to see our community's vacant and polluted sites redeveloped and are excited about the prospects for putting these spaces for use for clean energy innovation. The Ingham County Land Bank intends to commit tangible support to this regional endeavor by participating in LEAP community-input efforts and providing technical resources to support assessment projects.

We encourage the U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JB", is placed above the printed name of the signatory.

Jeffrey Burdick
Executive Director, Ingham County Land Bank





J. Peter Lark
Chief Executive Officer
517-702-6710

December 12, 2014

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Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: The Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) is committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

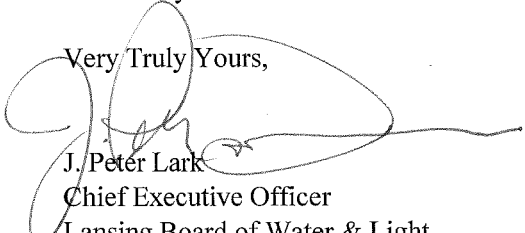
I write on behalf of the BWL to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

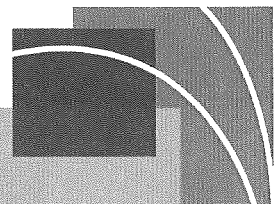
The BWL is Lansing's local municipally owned utility serving electric, water, steam, and chilled water to the greater Lansing region. The vision of the BWL is to partner with our customers, community, and employees to make the Lansing region the most attractive community in Michigan in which to live, raise a family, work, and operate a business. Our mission is to provide safe, reliable, and affordable utility products and services, to be responsible environmental stewards, and to be active participants in the community's cultural and economic initiatives. The BWL supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we are excited about the prospects for putting these spaces to use for clean energy innovation in our continuing efforts to support our community efforts to be good environmental stewards and promote economic development in the region.

That is why the BWL is ready to be engaged and supportive of this greater Lansing brownfields initiative, and hope that it receives EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. The BWL is making a major investment in renewable energy related to brownfield development including utility scale and community based solar energy initiatives. The BWL also has an economic development program that supports local brownfield redevelopment efforts with marketing, rate incentives, and energy efficiency programs.

We encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,


J. Peter Lark
Chief Executive Officer
Lansing Board of Water & Light





**Revitalizing Auto Communities
Environmental Response Trust**

December 8, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: RACER Trust is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of RACER Trust to add our voices to the many conveying strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

RACER Trust, as you know, plays a vital role in the revitalization efforts of communities that were hurt by the General Motors Corp. bankruptcy and loss of jobs. RACER's mission, in addition to environmental remediation, is to seek buyers who will invest in redevelopment and new jobs, exactly the type of robust solutions and outcomes that the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition is pursuing with various vacant and polluted sites. We believe strongly in the Coalition's mission and its commitment to innovative and sustainable redevelopment and reuse. We look forward to its continued success.

The Coalition is a valued partner to RACER, and RACER is ready to be broadly engaged and supportive of this initiative. RACER is deeply committed to the Lansing area and will be pleased to contribute personal expertise and time to the Coalition's efforts, as well as to leverage other important resources.

This is a noble and vigorous enterprise that is worthy of the U.S EPA's investment. We urge approval of the grant request so the community can move forward into the next stages of implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rasher
Redevelopment Manager, RACER Trust



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U.S. EPA, Region 5

Re: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Commitment to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

December 12, 2014

Dear Mr. Stanislaus, Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Hedman, and Ms. Orr:

On behalf of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC), a HUD Sustainable Communities Grantee, I write to tell you of our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition. Together we seek to reclaim polluted brownfields and revitalize our community by creating new advanced manufacturing jobs, clean energy, and green infrastructure. I urge you to provide the Lansing Coalition with a Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant. Our region needs your support to address brownfields and revitalize our community.

TCRPC is the Lansing region's Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for transportation planning and we administer planning in environmental protection, land use, and economic development. TCRPC is the U.S. Department of Commerce designated Economic Development District. And, we are a HUD Sustainable Communities Grantee. TCRPC supports the Brownfield Coalition because their efforts complement and implement our regional plans for a more sustainable community. The Coalition's goals to redevelop vacant and polluted sites are aligned with TCRPC's principles. We are excited about the prospects for putting brownfield sites to use for clean energy innovation because it will spark economic revitalization and job creation. And, we are committed to the Coalition's redevelopment work because it can support advanced manufacturing and innovation while implementing our plans to become a more sustainable and resilient community.

The TCRPC will commit tangible support to this regional endeavor by providing in-kind resources and technical staff assistance. TCRPC will share its extensive geographic information systems (GIS) data, aerial photography, land use and environmental data for the region. TCRPC staff will be active participants in the Coalition's initiative and can help coordinate and facilitate redevelopment initiatives with the federal and state planned transportation infrastructure investments. We will leverage our grant funds in support

We strongly encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative. With your support and assistance, we can help move our community forward to a more sustainable, resilient, and prosperous future. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Susan M. C. Pigg, CEcD., Executive Director

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

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Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

RE: Allen Neighborhood Center is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of Allen Neighborhood Center (ANC) to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

ANC is a non-profit, community development agency serving the northeast quadrant of the City of Lansing. Since 1999, we have worked closely with neighborhood stakeholders to craft programs and strategies that respond to challenges and opportunities in the areas of housing, health, food access and food security. ANC supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition for a variety of reasons, including our hope of seeing our community's vacant and polluted sites redeveloped and our belief that this initiative could spark new economic revitalization efforts in Lansing's core communities.

ANC pledges robust support for this Initiative, including providing meeting space and promotion of public input sessions, and use of our e-bulletin, newsletter and other 'media' to inform, educate, and engage stakeholders.

We strongly encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan Nelson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joan Nelson, Executive Director
Allen Neighborhood Center



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1 December 2014

Mr. Keith Lambert
Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition
1000 South Washington Avenue, Suite 201
Lansing, MI 48910

Dear Mr. Lambert:

The Clinton County Economic Alliance (CCEA) commends and voices support of the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition (Coalition) FY2015 Brownfield Assessment Grant Application. This funding will bring tremendous economic relief to our region. Many Clinton County communities will not otherwise have access to assessment funding that can be used to leverage the needed economic reinvestment, remediation, and redevelopment into their area. Furthermore, many of these communities were hit hardest by the lows in manufacturing and automotive industry cuts. In many cases, they are struggling more than nearby urban centers due to lack of financial aid available to them.

A notable example is in the city of St. Johns. A contaminated site that once housed manufacturing plants and is adjacent to housing is in a prime location in the central district. The property has been vacant for several years and is a strong candidate for redevelopment, provided assessment funding can be secured.

As the leading economic development resource for Clinton County, the CCEA will extend use of its staff, knowledge of additional funding, available redevelopment opportunities and community contacts to the Coalition. We will communicate the status of the Coalition efforts to our partners, developers, and stakeholders through use of online and print media and community meetings, as practicable. We have a strong faith in the ability of this assessment grant to help garner redevelopment interest in our Clinton County communities, as well as in Ingham and Eaton Counties. We have confidence in the Coalition's passion and skill to make this grant a community-changing opportunity for our region. We appreciate your careful consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dru L. Mitchell'.

Dru L. Mitchell
Executive Director



Education for Individual and Social Responsibility

December 12, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
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Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: Olivet College is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of Olivet College to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

Olivet College is a private liberal arts college committed to not only the success of our students, but making a positive difference in the greater community. Olivet College supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because doing so will not only stimulate the local economy, but will enhance the quality of our community and the local environment. It will also provide a rich opportunity for student service learning.

That is why Olivet College is ready to be engaged and supportive of this greater Lansing brownfields initiative, and hope that it receives EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. We intend to commit tangible support to this regional endeavor by connecting this work with the community service and experiential curricular learning of our students. It should be noted that 100% of Olivet College students engage in community service and service learning prior to graduation.

That is also why we encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven M Corey, PhD
President

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Ingham County Health Department

Ingham County MSU Extension

Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney

Ingham Intermediate School District

Lansing School District

Michigan Department of Human
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Michigan Works! Lansing Tri-County

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Commission

Tri-County Office on Aging

Community Coalitions

Asset Independence Coalition

Community Coalition for Youth

Lansing Community Economic
Development Network (CED)

Food Systems Workgroup

Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution
Network

Immigrant and Refugee Resource
Collaborative

Ingham Change Initiative

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention
Coalition

Infant Mortality Coalition

Land Use and Health Resource Team

Long-term Care Collaborative

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Movement



Strengthening Community Connections for Action

December 18, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
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Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: Power of We Consortium is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

We write on behalf of the Power of We Consortium to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. We also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

The Power of We Consortium is a State of Michigan-endorsed inclusive planning and implementation multi-purpose collaborative body of over 250 human services, non-profit, governmental, faith-based, and business sector stakeholders that promote systems reform in Ingham County. The PWC is often referred to as a "community collaborative" or a "network of networks" and capitalizes on the power of social capital and diversity to achieve positive results for the community. As a network driven by the important work of our 13 Community Coalitions, we fully understand the importance of collaboration and of coalitions driving critical work in our community. The Power of We Consortium supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we are excited about the prospects for putting these spaces for use for clean energy innovation. We believe that this initiative could spark new economic revitalization and job creation, and that this redevelopment could support advanced manufacturing and innovation.

That is why the Power of We Consortium is ready to be engaged and supportive of this greater Lansing brownfields initiative, and urge the EPA to allocate the Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. We intend to commit tangible support to this regional endeavor in the form of participation in community input efforts via our various partners, and leveraging resources where possible.

We urge U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation.

Sincerely,


Teresa Kmetz, Co-Chair
President & CEO
Capital Area United Way


Willard Walker, Co-Chair
Senior Policy Consultant
Public Policy Associates, Inc.

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PRIMA CIVITAS

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December 12, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: Prima Civitas is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of Prima Civitas to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

Prima Civitas is an economic and community development organization working to strengthen Michigan's economy. Our efforts focus on four key economic drivers: talent and workforce development; innovation and initiatives in emerging markets; regional development and collaboration; and international connectivity. Prima Civitas supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we believe that this initiative could spark new economic revitalization and job creation, and support advanced manufacturing and innovation. That is why Prima Civitas is ready to be engaged and supportive of this greater Lansing brownfields initiative, and hope that it receives EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. We intend to commit tangible support to this regional endeavor in the form of participation in community input efforts, in-kind resources, and leveraged resources.

We encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Arnold Weinfeld
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

December 12, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: Michigan Energy Options is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of Michigan Energy Options to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

Michigan Energy Options is a 36-year-old, statewide nonprofit that guides communities to be more sustainable through adopting more energy efficiency and renewable energy. Developing clean and locally controlled energy solutions is a key action that communities can take today to prepare against an uncertain economic and climate future.

Michigan Energy Options supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we see opportunities for the most polluted sites—which won't support residential or commercial redevelopment—in our community to become sources of renewable power. We are currently working with the local utility to develop our first community solar park on a site that is a former landfill; and we have aspirations to do more of these projects here in the future. We recently completed the first regional energy baseline study in Greater Lansing and have identified many opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of our buildings and transit. As assessment grant complement this work by identifying those specific buildings—especially on brownfields—that would be worthwhile to preserve and restore. We subscribe to the adage that the “greenest building is an existing building.” And we also practice this ourselves with our nonprofit being located in a 1920 building that in 2012 was certified LEED Platinum by the USGBC.

That is why Michigan Energy Options is ready to be engaged and supportive of this greater Lansing brownfields initiative, and hope that it receives EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. We intend to commit tangible support to this regional endeavor in the form of participating

in projects; leveraging resources, such as a current state community energy planning grant; and helping the coalition secure additional funding to support this effort.

That is also why we encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John A. Kinch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John A. Kinch, PhD
Executive Director
Michigan Energy Options



A local alliance of leaders, game changers and innovators.

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December 9, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 5

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 3

Re: CAMC supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of the Capital Area Manufacturing Council (CAMC) to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

CAMC is a regional alliance of manufacturing leaders that work together to improve Mid-Michigan's manufacturing competitiveness by address and tackling common issues. Community revitalization is essential to attract and retain talent for our region. CAMC supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we believe that this initiative could spark new economic revitalization as well as support advanced manufacturing and innovation.

We encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Cordano', is written in dark ink.

Michelle Cordano
CAMC Executive Director

December 10, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

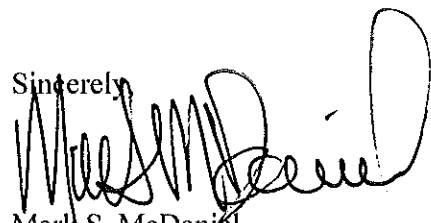
I write on behalf of Great Lakes Capital Fund (GLCF) to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition. I urge you to provide this coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

GLCF is a Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI) that supports housing and economic development projects across the country. Based in Lansing, over the past 21 years we have provided \$3B in equity investments and loans supporting more than 600 developments. We manage \$360M of New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) investments in economic development projects and operate Develop Michigan, Inc. (DMI), a public/private/non-profit development finance organization which brings senior debt, mezzanine capital, gap financing, and technical assistance to developers of strategic commercial real estate projects.

We support the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we are dedicated to improving the vitality of the Capitol region and the quality of life for low income residents. We believe this initiative will spark new economic revitalization and job creation. We intend to commit the following resources to this regional endeavor: technical assistance and financing solutions for the redevelopment of brownfield sites, including possible debt and equity products through DMI and our future NMTC allocations from the CDFI Fund.

We encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative. We are committed to its success and look forward to the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Mark S. McDaniel
President/CEO

Cc: The Honorable Virg Bernero
Mayor, City of Lansing



Tuesday, December 16, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

RE: Request Support for Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC) to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

The LRCC represents 1,300 businesses throughout the Greater Lansing region in advocating for a positive economic climate, job creation, wealth generation and economic investment. We fully support the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalitions focus on redeveloping contaminated sites.

That is why the LRCC is ready to be engaged and supportive of this greater Lansing brownfields initiative, and hope that it receives EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. We look forward to continuing our economic development partnership in these efforts by leveraging the collective strength of our membership and business community in the brownfield redevelopment plans

That is also why we encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Daman
President & CEO
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce



LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELD COALITION

COMMITMENTS OF COALITION PARTNERS

COALITION PARTNERS

- City of Lansing, applicant (*See* Transmittal Letter)
- City of East Lansing
- Clinton County
- Eaton County
- Ingham County



CITY OF EAST LANSING

The Home of Michigan State University

December 12, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
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Re: City of East Lansing is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition's Application for a U.S. EPA Coalition Assessment Grant

Dear Assistant Administrator Stanislaus, Regional Administrator Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of the City of East Lansing to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. Specifically, I convey that the City of East Lansing is fully committed to being part of a coalition for the purpose of using U.S. EPA Coalition Assessment grant funding to support brownfields revitalization in our community and region. Our locality's commitment is demonstrated by the attached resolution.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me at (517) 319-6920 or glahana@cityofeastlansing.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

George Lahanas
City Manager

Attachment

CITY OF EAST LANSING
EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF EAST
LANSING IN THE LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELDS COALITION**

WHEREAS, brownfields are properties such as former industrial sites, closed gas stations, former dry cleaners, or other sites that are vacant or underutilized due to contamination, perceived contamination, or blight; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup and revitalization of brownfields can provide many community benefits, including protection of public health and the environment, opportunities for economic development, neighborhood improvement, opportunities for creation of parks and community spaces, opportunities to grow advanced manufacturing, and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, The City of East Lansing faces brownfield-related challenges at many sites throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing region that includes the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Eaton County, and Ingham County, seeks to work together in collaboration to revitalize brownfields and secure more resources for redevelopment of these sites for both the individual communities and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, these five local governments desire together to form the "Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition"; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) is a non-profit economic development entity with members including the City of East Lansing, which is prepared to seek, administer and implement new funding to support the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition and its local government participants; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now soliciting applications, due December 19, 2014, for brownfields grants including grants of \$600,000 for coalitions of local governments and non-profits, which can be used for assessment and reuse planning at brownfield sites ("EPA Brownfields Assessment grants"); and


WHEREAS, LEAP and the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition desires to obtain one of these \$600,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment grants for the benefit of the entire region and its local governments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of East Lansing shall be a collaborative partner in the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of East Lansing supports the development and submission of an application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant by LEAP on behalf of the entire Coalition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of East Lansing designates Lori Mullins, its Community and Economic Development Administrator, to work in collaboration with LEAP and the other Coalition members on the development, submission, and implementation of an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of East Lansing will support a designated representative appointed by the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to participate in the "Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition Task Force", a group of stakeholders meant to advance the region's brownfield revitalization objectives.


Nathan Triplett, Mayor
Dated: December 2, 2014

Moved by Council member: Goddeeris


Supported by Council member: Beier

ADOPTED: Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

CLERKS CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Lansing City Council at its meeting held on December 2, 2014, the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.


Marie E. Wicks, City Clerk
City of East Lansing

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**Administrator
Ryan L. Wood
Clerk of the Board
Diane Zuker**

December 12, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

**RE: Clinton County is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition's Application
for a U.S. EPA Coalition Assessment Grant**

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of Clinton County to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. Specifically, I convey that Clinton County is fully committed to being part of a coalition for the purpose of using U.S. EPA Coalition Assessment grant funding to support brownfields revitalization in our community and region. Clinton County's commitment is demonstrated by the attached resolution.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me at 989-224-5120 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Wood", is written over a horizontal line.

Ryan L. Wood
Clinton County Administrator

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RESOLUTION 2014 - 20

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION OF CLINTON COUNTY IN THE LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELDS COALITION

WHEREAS, brownfields are properties such as former industrial sites, closed gas stations, dumps, or other sites that are vacant or underutilized due to contamination, perceived contamination, or blight; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup and revitalization of brownfields can provide many community benefits, including protection of public health and the environment, opportunities for economic development, neighborhood improvement, opportunities for creation of parks and community spaces, opportunities to grow advanced manufacturing, and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County faces the challenge of brownfields at many sites throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing region that includes the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Eaton County, and Ingham County, seeks to work together in collaboration to revitalize brownfields and secure more resources for redevelopment of these sites for both the individual communities and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, these five local governments desire together to form the "Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition"; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) is a non-profit economic development entity with members including Clinton County, which is prepared to seek, administer and implement new funding to support the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition and its local government participants; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now soliciting applications, due December 19, 2014, for brownfields grants including grants of \$600,000 for coalitions of local governments and non-profits, which can be used for assessment and reuse planning at brownfield sites ("EPA Brownfields Assessment grants"); and

WHEREAS, LEAP and the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition desires to obtain one of these \$600,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment grants for the benefit of the entire region and its local governments;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that Clinton County is a collaborative partner in the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition; and

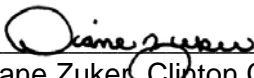
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Clinton County supports the development and submission of an application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant by LEAP on behalf of the entire Coalition; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Clinton County designates Ryan Wood, Clinton County Administrator and Dru Mitchell, Clinton County Economic Alliance (CCEA) Executive Director to work in collaboration with LEAP and the other Coalition members on the development, submission, and implementation of an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Clinton County will support a designated representative and other interested persons from the community to participate in the "Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition Task Force", a group of stakeholders meant to advance the region's brownfields revitalization objectives.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held November 25, 2014 and is on file in the records of this office.



Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk



EATON COUNTY CONTROLLER/PERSONNEL

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John F. Fuentes, CPA
Controller

Connie L. Sobie
Deputy Controller

December 12, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administration
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 5

Mr. David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land
Revitalization
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ms. Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 3

**Re: Eaton County is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition's
Application for a U.S. EPA Coalition Assessment Grant**

Dear Assistant Administrator Stanislaus, Regional Administrator Hedman, Director
Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of Eaton County to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. Specifically, I convey that Eaton County is fully committed to being part of a coalition for the purpose of using U.S. EPA Coalition Assessment grant funding to support brownfields revitalization in our community and region. Eaton County's commitment is demonstrated by the attached resolution.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me at (517) 543-2122 or jfuentes@eatoncounty.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John F. Fuentes
Controller, Eaton County

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 17, 2014

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION OF
EATON COUNTY IN THE LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELDS COALITION**

Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee

Commissioner Baker moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Eakin.

WHEREAS, brownfields are properties such as former industrial sites, closed gas stations, dumps, or other sites that are vacant or underutilized due to contamination, perceived contamination, or blight; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup and revitalization of brownfields can provide many community benefits, including protection of public health and the environment, opportunities for economic development, neighborhood improvement, opportunities for creation of parks and community spaces, opportunities to grow advanced manufacturing, and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County faces the challenge of brownfields at many sites throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing region that includes the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Eaton County, and Ingham County, seeks to work together in collaboration to revitalize brownfields and secure more resources for redevelopment of these sites for both the individual communities and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, these five local governments desire together to form the "Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition"; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) is a non-profit economic development entity with members including Eaton County, which is prepared to seek, administer and implement new funding to support the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition and its local government participants; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now soliciting applications, due December 19, 2014, for brownfields grants including grants of \$600,000 for coalitions of

local governments and non-profits, which can be used for assessment and reuse planning at brownfield sites ("EPA Brownfields Assessment grants"); and

WHEREAS, LEAP and the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition desires to obtain one of these \$600,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment grants for the benefit of the entire region and its local governments;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that Eaton County is a collaborative partner in the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County supports the development and submission of an application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant by LEAP on behalf of the entire Coalition; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County designates the Director of Community Development and Housing Department to work in collaboration with LEAP and the other Coalition members on the development, submission, and implementation of an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County will support a designated representative and other interested persons from the community to participate in the "Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition Task Force", a group of stakeholders meant to advance the region's brownfields revitalization objectives. Carried.

COUNTY OF EATON)
STATE OF MICHIGAN) SS
I, Diana Bosworth, Clerk of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do
hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution
adopted by the Board at its meeting held on December 17, 2014
and is on file in the Eaton County Clerk's office.

Dated: December 18, 2014

Deputy Clerk

Ingham County Board of Commissioners

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December 12, 2014

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
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Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
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Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

**Re: Ingham County is Committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition's
Application for a U.S. EPA Coalition Assessment Grant**

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

I write on behalf of Ingham County to convey our strong commitment to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. Specifically, I convey that Ingham County is fully committed to being part of a coalition for the purpose of using U.S. EPA Coalition Assessment grant funding to support brownfields revitalization in our community and region. Our locality's commitment is demonstrated by the attached resolution.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact Sandra Gower, Economic Development Coordinator at 517 676-7285 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Victor Celentino
Chairperson
Ingham County Board of Commissioners

**ADOPTED - DECEMBER 9, 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO.8**

Introduced by County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INGHAM COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELD COALITION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT**

RESOLUTION 14 - 500

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners has established a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority whose charge is to support the cleanup and redevelopment of environmentally contaminated and previously used development sites that promote Economic Development in Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and the Ingham County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority have determined a need to continue to identify, assess and implement the cleanup and redevelopment or reuse of brownfield sites in our region in order to encourage economic development; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup and revitalization of brownfield sites can provide many other community benefits including protection of public health and environment, neighborhood improvements, opportunities for creation of parks and community spaces and elimination of blight and dangerous structures; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County faces the challenge of many brownfield sites throughout the community such as former industrial sites, closed gas stations, dumps and other contaminated properties; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing region, which includes the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Eaton County, and Ingham County, seeks to collaborate to revitalize brownfield sites and secure more resources for redevelopment of these sites for both the individual communities and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, these five local governments desire together to form the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition (Coalition); and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), a non-profit economic development entity with members that include Ingham County and the other governmental entities who will be part of the Coalition, will seek, administer and implement new funding to support the Coalition and its local government participants; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now soliciting applications for grants in its Brownfield Assessment program and allows for coalitions to seek funding in the amount of \$600,000 to be used for assessment and reuse planning of brownfield sites.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ingham County is a collaborative partner in the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition and supports the development and submission of an application to the Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grant Program in the amount of \$600,000 by LEAP on behalf of the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ingham County designates the Economic Development Coordinator to work in collaboration with LEAP and the other Coalition members on the development, submission and implementation of an EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant and appoints two interested persons, Sandy Gower and Bruce Moore, to participate in the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition Task Force, a group of stakeholders meant to advance the region's brownfield revitalization objectives

COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas: Holman, Tsernoglou, Crenshaw, Koenig, Celentino, Maiville

Nays: None

Absent: Nolan

Approved 12/02/14

FINANCE: Yeas: Koenig, Anthony, Tennis, McGrain, Bahar-Cook, Schafer, Vickers

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved 12/03/14

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, Barb Byrum, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Ingham County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on December 9, 2014, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 10th day of December, 2014.



Barb Byrum, County Clerk
Ingham County

LANSING REGIONAL BROWNFIELDS COALITION

DOCUMENTATION OF LEVERAGE

See the attached documentation below for a demonstration of the following three sources of leverage for the Lansing Regional Brownfield Coalition's efforts:

- **HUD Sustainable Community Regional Planning Grant:** The Lansing Coalition is well underway with a number of initiatives to implement this \$3 million HUD project described above, and these initiatives will definitely be leveraged into the Lansing Coalition's brownfields assessment and reuse planning projects.
- **Obama Administration IMCP:** The Obama Administration has set aside \$1.4 billion and substantial technical assistance from 12+ federal agencies to support the advanced manufacturing work – including on brownfields – in the 12 designated IMCP “Manufacturing Communities”. As Lansing is one of the pioneer IMCP communities, we will seek to leverage as much of that \$1.4B as possible into our community-wide brownfield initiatives.
- **Tax Increment Finance:** The State of Michigan enables selected local governments to issue Tax Increment Financing for the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields. Each of the five jurisdictions in this Coalition have established Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities, and each has used and plans to continue using Brownfields TIF proceeds for cleanup, site improvements, and infrastructure investments at these sites.

HUD FY2011 Sustainable Communities Grantees

Michigan

The **Tri-County Regional Planning Commission**, will be awarded **\$3,000,000** to create the *Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability*. The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission will provide more detail on the existing regional planning effort, *Choices for our Future*, specifically in the areas of governmental issues, a healthy economy and healthy environment, transportation and other infrastructure, open space and resource protection, and growth and redevelopment. Some initiatives related to these planning areas are well developed, with concrete objectives and benchmarks, some are in development, and others have received little attention to date and represent gaps that need to be addressed.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Build on existing regional planning investments to create fine-tuned execution plans for high-priority initiatives in *Choices for our Future*
- Better integrating planning and developing performance measures for housing, economic development, and infrastructure to guide difficult decisions on where to strategically invest, and disinvest, in the region
- Building capacity for local sustainability planning and better coordinate efforts at the regional level through a Consortium that includes offices, agencies and stakeholders in Clinton, Ingham, and Eaton Counties of mid-Michigan

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000; Category 2

Core Partners: Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council, Michigan State University, Michigan Energy Options, Ingham County, Clinton County, Eaton County, City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, City of Williamston, Village of Webberville, Township of Leroy, Township of Williamstown, Charter Township of Meridian, Charter Township of Lansing

HUD Region: 5



15 December 2015

The Honorable Mathy Stanislaus
OSWER Assistant Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

David Lloyd
Director, Brownfields & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deborah Orr
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) is committed to the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Dear AA Stanislaus, RA Hedman, Director Lloyd, and Coordinator Orr:

As the Chair of Advance Michigan, an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) designee, I write on behalf of to convey our strong support for the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition, which is seeking to revitalize polluted brownfields in our region with new advanced manufacturing, jobs creation, clean energy, green infrastructure and other community revitalization. I also urge you to provide this Lansing Coalition with an EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant to provide critical support for this exciting initiative.

IMCP is an initiative designed to revolutionize the way federal agencies leverage economic development funds. It encourages communities to develop comprehensive economic development strategies that will strengthen their competitive edge for attracting global manufacturer and supply chain investments. IMCP supports the Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition because we believe this redevelopment could support advanced manufacturing and innovation.

That is why IMCP supports this greater Lansing brownfields initiative, and hope that it receives EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant funding. That is also why we encourage U.S. EPA to provide funding for this exciting Lansing Regional Brownfields Initiative, so that our community can move it forward into the next stages of implementation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryce Kelley, Chair, IMCP
Director of Wayne County EDGE
500 Griswold Ave, 30th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226

CORE COMMUNITIES

In June of 2000, the State of Michigan initiated an effort to spur private development in its urban communities and traditional centers of commerce. The incentives, unique to Core Communities, target critical needs of older communities through new housing development, redevelopment of obsolete facilities and development of contaminated properties.

The Core Communities designation provides the community with three economic development tools:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Core Communities have the ability to use brownfield tools not only on contaminated property, but blighted and functionally obsolete sites as well. In addition, the tax increment financing component can pay for demolition, site preparation, public infrastructure and lead and asbestos abatement, as well as environmental remediation.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES

This program provides property tax incentives for new home construction and home rehabilitation. For new home construction, instead of the full millage rate, the new home is taxed at half of the statewide average.

For rehabilitation projects, the assessment is frozen at preimprovement levels. Each of these abatements can be approved for six to 15 years. Land is not abated.

OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION EXEMPTION

Available only in Core Communities, this incentive is designed to assist in the redevelopment of contaminated, blighted and functionally obsolete properties. The goal is to convert these underutilized buildings into vibrant commercial and/or commercial housing opportunities. The incentive offers the community the ability to freeze local property taxes at the pre-development level for up to 12 years. The developer can also apply to the State Treasurer to freeze half of the state education millage for up to six years. Land is not abated.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on Core Communities and the unique incentives available in those areas, contact the Michigan Economic Development CorporationSM Customer Contact Center at 517.373.9808.

OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION ACT (OPRA) PA 146 OF 2000, AS AMENDED QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Section 2(k) of the act gives the qualifications which must be met in order for a local unit to be a qualified local governmental unit. There are separate qualifications for cities, townships and villages.

TOWNSHIPS

Benton Charter Twp.	Berrien County
Buena Vista Charter Twp.	Saginaw County
Genesee Twp.	Genesee County
Leoni Twp.	Jackson County
Mt. Morris Charter Twp.	Genesee County
Redford Charter Twp.	Wayne County
Royal Oak Charter Twp.	Oakland County

VILLAGES

Baldwin	Lake County
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Cities listed on the next page

QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS *continued*

CITIES

Adrian	Dearborn Heights	Hillsdale	Monroe	Sandusky
Albion	Detroit	Holland	Mt. Clemens	Sault Ste. Marie
Allegan	Dowagiac	Houghton	Mt. Morris	Southfield
Alma	Durand	Howell	Mt. Pleasant	Standish
Alpena	East Lansing	Inkster	Munising	Stanton
Ann Arbor	Eastpointe	Ionia	Muskegon	Sturgis
Bad Axe	Ecorse	Iron Mountain	Muskegon Hts.	Tawas City
Bangor	Escanaba	Iron River	Niles	Taylor
Battle Creek	Ferndale	Ironwood	Norton Shores	Three Rivers
Bay City	Flint	Ishpeming	Norway	Trenton
Benton Harbor	Frankfort	Ithaca	Oak Park	Traverse City
Bessemer	Gaastra	Jackson	Olivet	Vassar
Big Rapids	Gaylord	Kalamazoo	Omer	Wakefield
Bronson	Gibraltar	Lake City	Onaway	Warren
Buchanan	Gladstone	Lansing	Owosso	Wayne
Burton	Gladwin	Lapeer	Petoskey	West Branch
Cadillac	Grand Haven	Lincoln Park	Pinconning	White Cloud
Caro	Grand Rapids	Livonia	Pontiac	Wyandotte
Carson City	Grayling	Ludington	Port Huron	Wyoming
Caspian	Hamtramck	Madison Heights	Portage	Ypsilanti
Center Line	Harbor Beach	Manistee	Reading	
Charlevoix	Harper Woods	Manistique	Reed City	
Charlotte	Harrison	Marine City	River Rouge	
Cheboygan	Harrisville	Marquette	Rogers City	
Coldwater	Hart	Marshall	Saginaw	
Coleman	Hartford	Mason	St. Ignace	
Corunna	Hastings	Melvindale	St. Johns	
Crystal Falls	Hazel Park	Menominee	St. Joseph	
Dearborn	Highland Park	Midland	St. Louis	

144 Total Qualifying Communities

Adopted by the State Tax Commission at its April 8, 2014 meeting.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

12/19/2014

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City of Lansing Brownfields Redevelopment Authority

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

38-3492729

* c. Organizational DUNS:

9633678620000

d. Address:

* Street1:

1000 South Washington Street, Suite 201

Street2:

* City:

Lansing

County/Parish:

Ingham

* State:

MI: Michigan

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

489101682

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Keith

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Lambert

Suffix:

Title: LEAP Development Manager representing LBRA

Organizational Affiliation:

Lansing Brownfields Redevelopment Authority

* Telephone Number: 517.702.3387

Fax Number: 517.702.3390

* Email: Keith@PureLansing.com

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OSWER-OBLR-14-07

* Title:

FY15 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Add Attachment

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Lansing Regional Brownfields Coalition

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

Delete Attachments

View Attachments

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="600,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="600,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☒ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Number: 4040-0006
Expiration Date: 06/30/2014

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant	66.818	\$	\$	\$ 600,000.00	\$	\$ 600,000.00
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		\$	\$	\$ 600,000.00	\$	\$ 600,000.00

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SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant				
a. Personnel	\$ 36,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 36,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	0.00				
c. Travel	3,700.00				3,700.00
d. Equipment	0.00				
e. Supplies	2,300.00				2,300.00
f. Contractual	556,000.00				556,000.00
g. Construction	0.00				
h. Other	2,000.00				2,000.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	600,000.00				\$ 600,000.00
j. Indirect Charges	0.00				\$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 600,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 600,000.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$	\$	\$	\$

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES

	(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e)TOTALS
8.	EPA Brownfields Assessment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.	TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	\$	\$	\$	\$

SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS

	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
14. Non-Federal	\$				
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT

	(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (YEARS)			
		(b)First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.	EPA Brownfields Assessment	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
17.					
18.					
19.					
20.	TOTAL (sum of lines 16 - 19)	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$	\$

SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION

21. Direct Charges:	0	22. Indirect Charges:	0
23. Remarks:			

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